Manufacturing of high axle load wagons

538. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit FDI and joint venture with overseas corporate to manufacture high axle load wagons for trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any foreign partner in the proposed joint venture has been identified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manufacturing units are proposed to be located?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

New rail overbridges/under bridges in Andhra Pradesh

539. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for construction of new railway over bridges/ railways under bridges in Andhra Pradesh included in the year 2007-2008;

(b) whether any plan or time limit programme has been formulated in this regard;

(c) if so, the project-wise details thereof in the State specially regarding ROB (LC No. 138) at KM. 0/4-8 on Yerraguntia Proddatur Road in Kadapa District with 143160; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 13.

(b) After sanctioning of works, General Arrangement Drawings, Designs, Estimates for Railway portion and Approaches portions are got approved from both Railway and State Govt., and after approval of them, physical execution is taken up.

(c) and (d) The details of 13 proposals included in the year 2007-08 is given in the Statement. (See below). The work of Road over bridge at LC No. 138 between Yerragudipadu and Yerraguntla stations on Yerraguntla-Proddatur Road is already a sanctioned work of 2006-07 on cost sharing basis sanctioned at the cost of Rs. 14.04 crore, alignment and General Arrangement Drawing for which are being finalized.

Statement

Project-wise details of proposals for construction of New Rail overbridges/underbridges

s. No.	Work	Railway's share	State Govt's share
1	2	3	4
1	Vijawada-Vishakapatnam Sec.—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.410 at Km. 598/18-20 between Dwarapudi and Anaparthi Station.	8.18	11.76
2	Guntur-Nandyal Sec—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 305E at Km. 11-12 between Nallapadu and Phirangipuram Stations.	6.24	9.00
3	Secunderabad-Wadi Sec.—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.25 at Km. 160/10-12 at Lingampalli station yard.	12.75	16.28
4	Samalkot—Kakinada port Sec.—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 11 at Km. 13/19-14/1 between Kakinada and Kakinada port stations.	5.97	9.03
5	Vijayawada-Vishakapatanam Sec.—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 320 at Km. 448/06-08 between Gannavaram and Mustabada stations.	6.62	12.32
6	Vijayawada-Rajahmundry Sec.—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 343 at Km. 480/26-28 between Vatalur and Powerpet Stations.	7.61	9.75
7	Manmad-Nanded Sec.—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 54 at Km. 115/11-12 between Aurangabad and Chikalthana Stations.	4.31	4.86
8	Kazipet-Vijayawada Sec.—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 125 B at Km. 534/05-07 and 534/08-10 between Madhira and Tundala Gopavaram Stations.	8.05	11.41

1	2	3	4
9	Kazepet-Vijayawada Sec.—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 62T at Km. 376/02-04 between Kazipet and Warangal stations.	7.14	12.66
10	Vijayawada-Vishakapatnam Sec.—Proposed construction of ROB in lieu of LC No 347 at Km. 486/27-29 between Vatluru and Eluru stations.	6.95	15.49
11	ROB at Mahabobabad at LC No. 81 in Kazipet-Vijayawada Sec.	5.83	12.24
12	ROB in lieu of LC No. 77 & 78 at K. Samudram in Kazepet-Vijayawada Sec.	5.56	11.70
13	Arakkonam-Reningunta Section: Provision of ROB in lieu of LC No.58 at Km.111/36112 at Puttur Station.	7.34	7.35

Gauge conversion

540. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 13,000 kilometres of the railway network still remains in metre and narrow gauges though the "project unigauge" was started years back;

(b) if so, the details of the lines still remaining to be converted to broad gauge in different railway zones; and

(c) the steps being taken to complete the conversion project on a priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU):(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of MG/NG lines in different railway zones as on 1.4.2006 is and under:

Railway	MG/NG (in Kms)
Central	572
Eastern	132
Northern	272
North Eastern	1724